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Alcohol licenses double

Bo-Tes receives second liquor license in two months

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Bo-Tes, a small grocery store/deli in Cox's Corner, has become the second store in Duxbury to receive a seasonal package store license. Duxbury selectmen voted two to one Monday night to grant the seasonal all alcohol package store license to Bo-Tes Duxbury, located at 1508 Tremont Street, managed by Thomas Campanelli. Bo-Tes already holds an annual beer and wine liquor license. Campanelli said having the ability to sell liquor will help his business because many of his customers come in looking for liquor and are disappointed to find that he only sells beer and wine.

"I turn away business and it's tough to turn away business in today's day and age," said Campanelli.

He said that in his location he has no close competitors and is the last package store before Marshfield.

Last month, selectmen unanimously approved the town's first seasonal package store license for Sandy Lambert's Marketplace on Saint George Street. This convenience store also had an annual beer and wine license.

Duxbury Beach Park, a summer restaurant with a seasonal beer and wine license, is the only other seasonal permit holder.

The seasonal license will allow Bo-Tes to sell liquor from April 1 to November 30. According to Director of Municipal Services Scott Lambiase, these dates will be listed on the license and all liquor must be removed from store

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shelves and sent back to the liquor wholesalers once the sales period is over. Lambiase said he plans to inspect stores with seasonal licenses to make sure they are in compliance with the seasonal nature of the license.

Annual liquor licenses are limited by the state regulators because they are based on a town's population, but seasonal liquor licenses are no longer under the same constraints and have no limit, selectmen learned.

Selectman David Madigan voted against the seasonal liquor license for Bo-Tes, saying he felt that the board had recently approved many liquor licenses for stores that were very close to each other. He cited Sandy Lambert's Marketplace and Millbrook Liquors, which are across the street from each other. He also mentioned other stores selling alcohol in Hall's Corner that were located very close to each other. "It seems like we're packing the town with alcohol licenses and it gets to the point that I think we are going a little further than we need to go, approving every one that comes in," Madigan said. "I'm having a hard time finding anywhere in Duxbury where I'm more than two miles from a liquor store."

Selectman Chairman Shawn Dahlen was not opposed to granting the seasonal license.

"I don't have any problem with people doing business as long as they are doing it properly," said Dahlen.

"At some point, we have to come up with a policy on these," Madigan added. "Some way to limit them or we're going to have a full liquor store on every corner in town."

Selectmen agreed they would discuss creating a policy for issuing seasonal liquor licenses at a future meeting.